ABSTRACT

NATURAL LANGUAGE SEARCH METHOD AND APPARATUS

A method and apparatus for performing a search for
information containing natural language is disclosed
which uses a natural language query. The query is input
in the form of units of the natural language and this is
matched with units in the natural language of the data.
Where there are unmatched units in the query and/or the
data, context data in the form of one or more unmatched
units of the query and/or the data is generated. Each
unmatched unit as a predefined linguistic relationship to
one of the or each matched unit. Output data is formed
as matched units with any respective context data.